CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1. (currently amended). A method of operating a gaming machine having a ticket printer therein comprising:

  a)   a player participating in a conventional game of chance on the gaming machine; and

  b)   whenever the player achieves a predetermined arrangement of symbols during the play of the conventional game of chance, by means of the ticket printer awarding the player a prize ~~from the group essentially consisting~~ of either a keno ticket~~,~~ or a lottery ticket~~, a sweepstakes ticket, an entry into a prize contest, and a redeemable coupon~~ .

Claim 2 (original). The method of Claim 1 in which the gaming machine is a slot machine.

Claim 3 (original). The method of Claim 2 in which the predetermined arrangement of symbols is three ticket symbols.

Claim 4 (original). The method of Claim 1 in which the gaming

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machine is a video poker machine.

Claim 5 (original). The method of Claim 4 in which the predetermined arrangement of symbols occurs in a final hand for the player.

Claim 6 (original). The method of Claim 5 in which the final hand is a Royal Flush.

Claim 7 (original). The method of Claim 4 in which the predetermined arrangement of symbols occurs in a starting hand for a player.

Claim 8 (original). The method of Claim 7 in which the starting hand is a Ten High hand or lower.

Claim 9 (currently amended). A method of operating a gaming machine having a ticket printer therein comprising:

    a) a player participating in a conventional game of chance on the gaming machine; and

    b) at a randomly determined occurrence during the play of the

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conventional game of chance, by means of the ticket printer awarding the player a prize ~~from the group essentially consisting~~ of either a keno ticket~~,~~ or a lottery ticket~~, a sweepstakes ticket, an entry into a prize contest, and a redeemable coupon~~.

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Claim 10 (original).   The method of Claim 9 in which the gaming machine is a slot machine.

Claim 11 (original).   The method of Claim 9 in which the gaming machine is a video poker machine.

Claim 12 -- Claim 22.   Withdrawn   from   consideration   per restriction requirement.